

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining a lumber product, comprising the steps of:  
preparing a liquid mixture;  
injecting said liquid mixture into a living tree;  
thereafter felling said living tree and allowing it to air dry; and  
subsequently, processing said felled tree into said lumber product,  
wherein said liquid mixture comprises  
a neonicotinoid-based insecticide component selected from the group consisting of thiamethoxam, acetamiprid, dinotefuran and clothianidin and a mixture thereof  
,said neonicotinoid-based insecticide component being that is virtually insoluble  
in water or only a very small amount of which dissolves in water,  
at least one solvent miscible in water, and  
at least one surfactant, and  
further wherein the processing of said felled tree into said lumber product does  
not include a termite-proofing treatment.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, further comprising waiting at  
least three months between said injecting step and said felling step.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, wherein the insecticide is  
thiamethoxam.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, wherein the at least one solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols, glycols and their derivatives, ethers, ketones, esters, sulfoxides, nitrites, pyrrolidones, glycerins and amides.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 18, wherein the at least one surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyalkylene hardened caster oils, polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene alkyl ethers, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene sorbitol fatty acid esters, polyglycerin fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters, polyoxyalkylene (poly)styrene phenols, and polyoxyalkylene(poly)styrene cresols and their sulphate esters and phosphate esters and their salts.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the neonicotinoid-based insecticide component is present from 0.1 to 20 wt%, the at least one solvent is present from 30 to 90 wt%, and the at least one surfactant is present less than 20 wt%, wherein said wt% is based on the weight of the liquid mixture.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the neonicotinoid-based insecticide component is present from 1.0 to 10 wt%, the at least one solvent is present from 40 to 70 wt%, and the at least one surfactant is present less than 10 wt%, wherein said wt% is based on the weight of the liquid mixture.